inter alia, seeks to promote integrated land use and transport planning, greater use of public transport and non-motorized modes of travel, use of cleaner technologies. It offers Central Government's financial support for investments in public transport, infrastructure for greater use of non-motorized modes, as well as in the construction of parking facilities, including demonstrative pilot projects. It encourages capacity building at institutional and individual level, innovative financing mechanism, institutional coordination, association of the private sector and need for public awareness and cooperation.

(c) and (d) The draft Policy was circulated to all the State Governments and also presented at a conference of Chief Ministers held on 29th June, 2005. While there was overwhelming support for the policy at this conference, some of the significant suggestions made were:—

(i) Reduction of the minimum population threshold for Central Government's financial support towards mass transit systems.

(ii) Review of the Motor Vehicles Act taking into account the specific requirements of city transport.

(iii) Accommodating the specific requirements of cities in hill States.

(iv) Creating awareness through educational programmes on the problems of Urban Transport at the school level.

(v) Encouraging all possible modes of transport, including waterways and ropeways.

(e) Implementation of such a policy is an ongoing process to be undertaken by the State Governments as this is a State subject.

Filth/pollution due to commercial use of parks

†2233. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that parks located in Delhi are being openly used by NDMC for commercial purposes as a result of which filth and pollution spreads and public utility, cleanliness and beauty of parks is lost;

(b) whether it is also a fact that unnecessary demolition and encircling is being carried out in Talkatora Park for this purpose and original

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

form of the park is being ruined by encircling a large portion of the park for the purpose of its commercial exploitation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Hon. High Court and Supreme Court have warned against the commercial use of parks in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has informed that it is wrong to say that parks in NDMC area are being openly used for commercial purposes.

(b) The NDMC has stated that the route of the existing jogging track has been modified in view of the renovation of the marriage park. The fencing of cricket ground has also been taken up to avoid inconvenience to the people due to open ground.

(c) and (d) The NDMC and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) have informed that the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Writ Petition No. 4677/85 dated 6.12.95 prescribe, *inter-alia,* that parks shall not be permited to be used for the purposes of marriages and social functions for more than 10 days in a month by NDMC, MCD and DDA, and that no trees shall be cut from any of the parks for any purpose.

Government houses occupied by non-government professionals

†2234. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of people, who are not in Government service, are occupying Government houses in D-I, C-I, C-2, D-2, category in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that a wide variety of people from diverse professions have been bestowed or endowed life-time housing;

(c) whether the number of life-time housing would also confer hereditary rights on their children and heirs;

(d) the steps that would be taken to negotiate and ease out such occupants who enjoy life-time housing; and

(e) the simultaneous steps to provide public housing for widows, orphans and working women?